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SUBJECT: DEJUNTIZATION: MORE DISMISSALS AND FIRST COUNTER-
APPEALS

1. FOURTEEN MORE PROFESSORS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
WERE SUSPENDED THIS WEEK AND THEIR CASES REFERRED TO SPECIAL
DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL WHICH ALREADY HAS ABOUT SIXTY CASES PENDING
FOR INVESTIGATION ON CHARGE OF PROFESSORS' HAVING COOPERATED--
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY--WITH THE FORMER DICTATORSHIP.

2. TWENTY-EIGHT SENIOR LEVEL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EARLIER CHARGED
AND DISCIPLINED TO PARTIAL EXTENT FOR COLLABORATION, LAUNCHED
FIRST LEGAL TEST OF DEJUNTIZATION PROCESS WITH COURT APPEAL
NOVEMBER 4. GROUP HAS ASKED STATE COUNCIL, HIGHEST ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEW COURT, TO REVERSE DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN TO SUSPEND,
DISMISS, OR REDUCE THEM IN RANK. APPEALS ARE INDIVIDUALLY MADE
AND BASED ON VARIETY OF ARGUMENTS, SOME TECHNICAL AND SOME
DENYING THE INITIAL FINDING OF COLLABORATION. THOSE APPEALING
INCLUDE THREE FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE SUPREME COURT--THEODORE
KAMBERIS, VASSILIOS PATSOURAKIS AND L. KANELLAKOS--WHO WERE
REDUCED IN RANK BUT NOT DISMISSED; SIX OTHER SENIOR JUDGES;
AND A NUMBER OF PROFESSORS, SOME OF LATTER BEING APOLITICAL
BUREAUCRATS SUCH AS LOUKAS ARVANITIS, FORMER DIRECTOR

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GENERAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MEMBER OF UNEF/G BOARD.

3. IT APPEARS THAT THE ALREADY SLOW PACE OF DEJUNITIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES, NOW EXTENDED WITH APPEALS, MAY STRETCH THROUGH WINTER MONTHS. ALTHOUGH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LAST FORECAST BEGINING OF CLASSES BY MID-NOVEMBER, IT MAY DO WELL TO BEGIN LECTURES IN JANUARY.
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